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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Kenichi UTSUMI et al.

Group Art Unit: 2163

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Serial No.: 09/187,749

Examiner: Irshadullah, M.

For: LICENSE DEVOLUTION APPARATUS

RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 3, 2001, and having a period for response set to expire on October 3, 2001. A Petition for a 1-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to November 3, 2001. Therefore, this Response is timely filed by November 3, 2001.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed July 3, 2001, the Examiner rejected claims 1-8 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ross et al. (US Patent No. 5,553,139) in view of Hasebe et al. (US Patent No. 5,392,351).

In the Office Action mailed July 3, 2001, the Examiner noted that claims 1-8 were pending, and rejected claims 1-8. Thus, claims 1-8 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested.

The foregoing rejections are respectfully traversed. No new matter has been added in this Response.